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## Response to Request for Reference

1. This is in response to a request for reference file July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

2. Applicant argues that Examiner cited 10 references in rejecting the claims of the patent application but a copy of the following reference patent U.S. Patent 6,116,109 was not furnished to the applicant' representative. Applicant's representative respectfully request that the above reference be sent and the term set by the Office action of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002 be resetted with the mailing of such missing patent.

- 3. Examiner respectfully denied such request. Applicant asserted that a copy of the reference **U.S. Patent No. 6,119,109** was mailed to the applicant's representative. The listing of U.S. Patent 6,116,109 on the USPTO form 892 was in error. Examiner meant to list U.S. Patent No. 6,119,109 when a typo occurred an instead listed U.S. Patent No. 6,116,109. Since this reference was not used in rejecting the claimed invention and the correct reference was provided, resetting the Office Action term deemed unnecessary.
- 4. A copy of a corrected USPTO form 892 is being provided.

## Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Firmin Backer whose telephone number is (703) 305-0624. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (703) 305-9768. The fax phone numbers for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7687 for regular communications and (703) 305-7687 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

Firmin Backer

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